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Books by 240 Local Writers on Display at Library's 39th Annual Local Authors Reception Exhibit

SAN DIEGO – Works by nearly 240 San Diego authors are now on display at the Central Library as part of the 39th annual Local Authors Exhibit.

Every February the City of San Diego Public Library recognizes and promotes books by San Diego authors published the previous year. The authors participating in this exhibit reflect the diversity of San Diego's population and equally diverse scope of interest. The book subjects range from art, biography, cooking, fiction, music, stress management, as well as topics dealing with San Diego architecture, history and travel.

"The San Diego Public Library is honored to recognize the accomplishments of local authors and the magnitude of talent we have in San Diego," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "Many of the books will become part of the Library's permanent collection."

The exhibit was kicked off with a special author reception on Jan. 29 where more than 100 participating authors received commemorative medals.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Local Author Lifetime Achievement (LOLA) Award to Jackson J. Benson. The award was established in 1997 to honor a writer whose published work has provided significant enrichment to the San Diego community. Mr. Benson is a former San Diego State University professor who has written and edited books on modern American literature.

The 39th annual Local Authors Exhibit will continue at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego, through Monday, Feb. 28. The Central Library is open Monday through Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 619-236-5800.

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